



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Jeffrey Browning and Yves

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Application No.: 09/245,198 Confirmation No.: 4642

Filed : February 5, 1999

For : A TUMOR NECROSIS FACTOR RELATED LIGAND

Group Art Unit : 1635

Examiner : Richard Schnizer

New York, New York February 26, 2003

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 2327 Arlington, Virginia 22202

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the August 26, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants have petitioned concurrently herewith for a three(3)-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. With the extension, a response is due on or before February 26, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00, in